



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Fire Alarm Visual Notification Appliances		
Code Section(s)	NFPA 72 (1996 ed)		
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We have an occupancy that does not require fire alarm strobes but the customer wants to voluntarily install strobes. Do the spacing requirements of NFPA and ADA still apply?

Yes. When fire alarm strobes (visual notification appliances) are voluntary installed, the requirements of NFPA 72 still apply, including the spacing and candela rating requirements. The California Building Code, California Fire Code and NFPA 72 (1996 ed) specifies the locations of visual notification appliances when a fire alarm system is installed.